

PRESS RELEASE

2009 Jennie Sue Brown Award Given to Lois Wardell, AIA *Yakima Architect Earns Highest Honor for Volunteer Efforts*

OLYMPIA, NOV. 20 - On November 13, 2009 the AIA Washington Council (AIA | WA) awarded Lois Wardell, AIA, the Jennie Sue Brown Award.

The award is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the AIA | WA; it is presented to members who have made a significant statewide contribution, served the profession and continually enhanced the practice of architecture.

Wardell was picked, by her peers and AIA | WA Board members, from a list of candidates because of her constant sprit of volunteerism.

When Wardell recognized the need for the AIA Central Washington Chapter to have a volunteer executive director, and unofficial "Treasurer for Life," she agreed to fill the positions. The Central Washington Chapter home is now her office where she handles everything from preparing and maintaining yearly budgets to paying the bills. And, the volunteerism doesn't end with her chapter.

Wardell has been actively involved with the AIA | WA as: a representative on the Budget Committee for several years, the Executive Committee President during a period when her leadership skills were desperately needed, as the current chair of the School Construction Resource Group and as a constant participant in the



Lois Wardell, AIA, and Timothy Buckley, AIA

Council's activities such as the Civic Design Awards and Capitol Connections.

Currently, due to budget difficulties from the nation's economic downturn, Wardell has once again offered her leadership skills to the AIA | WA. She volunteered and has been voted to become the Council's Secretary/ Treasurer.

Wardell has even volunteered on the regional level. She currently serves as the Budget Committee Chair for the AIA Northwest and Pacific Region, and was the co-planning chair for the 1999 Regional Conference.

All of these accomplishments and contributions to AIA at the local, state and regional level have been achieved while maintaining a successful architectural practice with husband Bob Wardell, AIA, in Yakima and running an apple orchard on Lopez Island.

Lois Wardell exceeds the standards for the Jennie Sue Brown award; she has enhanced not only the practice of architecture but the lives of architects.

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